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SUBJ: BIO-DATA ON NEW DUTCH AMBASSADOR TO UN

JOHAN KAUFMANN.

1. LATEST ECONOMIC ALERT LIST FOR WESTERN EUROPE (PAGE 28)
REQUEST BIO-DATA AND COMMENT CONCERNING JOHAN KAUFMANN,
DUTCH AMBASSADOR-DESINGATE TO UN. IN ADDITION TO BASIC
BIO-DATA REPORT DATED MAY 1972 WE HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. KAUFMANN IS REPORTED TO BE HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WELL-
LIKED BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN DUTCH MFA. HE IS PARTICULARLY
CLOSE TO JAN MEIJER, MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION, TO WHOM KAUFMANN WILL NOW BE REPORTING. OUR
SOURCES COMMENT THAT WITH KAUFMANN IN CHARGE DUTCH UN
DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS THAN WAS THE CASE UNDER AMBASSADOR
FACK. WE UNDERSTAND THAT KAUFMANN IS ONE OF MOST HIGHLY
TRAINED ECONOMISTS IN THE DUTCH FOREIGN SERVICE.

3. ASSUME USOECD WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY ON KAUFMAN'S
VIEWS ON CURRENT ISSUES AND HIS NEGOTIATING STYLE.
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